

Question 139: Section L, Sample Task, paragraph 4.3 and subparagraphs state the work for the sample task will follow the CERCLA process. Subparagraph 4.3.2 requires an EE/CA, Risk Assessment, FS, RAP and Public Outreach Plan. It appears that the list of required documents is a mix of deliverables that would be required under Removal authority and Remedial authority. The EE/CA will include a risk evaluation and analysis of alternatives which would satisfy the requirement for a Risk Assessment and FS under Removal authority.

- a. Are the Risk Assessment and FS meant to be that level of effort required as part of the EE/CA or complete stand alone deliverables as required by the CERCLA Remedial Action process?
- b. If the work is truly following the CERCLA Remedial process multiple documents and steps are omitted. For example, the Risk Assessment is typically conducted as part of the Remedial Investigation (RI) which is required to perform the Feasibility Study. Is the offeror to assume another contractor is performing the RI and our Risk Assessment is a Baseline Risk Assessment inclusive of human health and ecological risk that will be included as part of the RI Report?
- c. Is the data currently provided in the sample problem all the data that is or will be available to support a Baseline Risk Assessment?
- d. Offeror is required to support DOE in regulatory interactions, ROD development, and public outreach activities. This scope statement is not sufficient to develop a skill mix and level of effort required for provide the required support. Please provide more definitive requirements inclusive of specific tasks and durations. For instance, please specify how much public outreach support will be required for how many public meetings, how many presentations etc. What kind of regulatory support will be expected, how many presentations etc.? Or an alternative, please provide how many FTEs in each area you require.

Answer: Section L.31(2) Criterion 2 – Technical and Management Approach (Sample Task), Attachment L-3, Section 4.3.2. The solicitation will be revised to delete the reports listed under the first bullet “Regulatory Report Writing” and the first bullet will be revised to read “Regulatory Report Writing under CERCLA”. Attachment L-3 Sample Task, Section 6.0 Deliverables List. Item 10, will be deleted. The offeror must determine and propose the proper documentation associated with the CERCLA process. Offerors should not assume that another contractor is performing the RI. Offerors should assume that no additional site characterization is necessary to perform the Risk Assessment. The offerors may propose additional sampling and/or modeling based on the technical approach. Regarding the question pertaining to public outreach activities, the offeror should provide the minimum required public participation under CERCLA. Additional public outreach should be consistent with the offeror’s proposed technical approach.

Question 140: Attachment L-3, Section 4.3.2- Please clarify the requirements/expectations for the Remedial Action Plan. Depending on whether a site managed under UMPTRA or CERCLA, a “Remedial Action Plan” could be either a Proposed Plan fact sheet, or an alternative to a RCRA permit for managing soil environmental restoration waste, or an NRC-approved document detailing site conditions and remedial design. Please also clarify whether the Remedial Action Plan is for the non-time-critical removal action (recommended alternative from the EE/CA- presumably the soil removal action), or the final remedial action (preferred alternative from the FS- presumably for groundwater), or both.

Answer: Section L.31(2) Criterion 2 – Technical and Management Approach (Sample Task), Attachment L-3, Section 4.3.4, the offeror should use the CERCLA process. See answer to question 139.

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Question 141: Attachment L-3, Section 4.3.2- Please clarify the media to be addressed by the EE/CA and the FS. Is the EE/CA for soil and the FS for groundwater?

Answer: See answer to question 139.

Question 142: Attachment L-3, Section 4.3.2- Since Site A has been added to the NPL and is being addressed under CERCLA, would an Action Memorandum be appropriate for the preferred/selected alternative from the EE/CA? If so, would DOE prepare the Action Memo, or is that part of the contractor's scope?

Answer: See answer to question 139.

Question 143: Attachment L-3, Section 4.3.2- Should the contractor assume that existing physical and chemical data are of adequate quantity and quality to develop the risk assessment?

Answer: See answers to questions 128 and 139.

Question 144: Attachment L-3, Section 4.3.2- Should the contractor assume that the existing site characterization data are adequate to support the development and evaluation of remedial alternatives?

Answer: Section L.31(2) Criterion 2 – Technical and Management Approach (Sample Task), Attachment L-3, Section 4.3.2. The need for additional characterization, sampling or modeling may depend on the offerors technical approach.

Question 145: Attachment L-3, Section 4.3.2- Should the contractor assume that existing data are adequate to support post-ROD remedial design?

Answer: Section L.31(2) Criterion 2 – Technical and Management Approach (Sample Task), Attachment L-3, Section 4.3.2. The need for additional characterization, sampling or modeling may depend on the offerors technical approach.